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I personally think the DOJ sold out to Microsoft. The DOJ is using the excuse of 'it is better for the economy' as the reason for the settlement, this is far from the truth. Microsoft has crushed many small companies and even some large ones, whose products were better than theirs. What does that do to the economy. More people out of work, more companies that go under.

I'm ashamed that Illinois, the state where I live and work, has signed up. I give credit to the states that are holding out, I'm sure the government is pushing hard for them to settle. I really think you should look at the penalties those states are proposing, they make sense. Microsoft should be forced to produce a version of their O/S that does not have all of the other products installed. This product should be priced separately. This would allow other companies a chance to compete. It is foolish to think that Microsoft is throwing all of the other software into the O/S for free. The truth is that they just increase the cost of the O/S with all the add-ons, and then it is left to the consumer to decide if they want to spend more money to go buy a competitors product, or just use the one that they already paid for.

I find it strange the DOJ changed their views on the subject of Microsoft, so quickly after the change in administration (and I'm a republican).

These views are strictly my opinions, they are not shared by my company. A little about myself. I'm a Software Developer/DBA. I work with Microsoft products on a daily basis, as well as, working with their competitions products. Again these are my personal views.

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